



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW  
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**Clayton & Concord Branches  
AAUW Funds Program 2021  
Zoom Meeting - Feb. 20, 2021 at 11:00 am**

Please join us on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am to hear our chosen AAUW fellowship grant speaker.

Elizabeth Kopacz is a PH.D. candidate at UC Riverside in Ethnic Studies. Her dissertation, "Molecular Longing: Adopted Koreans and the Navigation of Absence through DNA," examines the relationship between popular genetic science, transnational and transracial Korean adoption, and the structures informing kinship, identity, memory, narrative, and loss. She will speak first and then will take questions using the Chat function on Zoom. You will get directions on how to do it prior to the meeting.

***An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members one day before the program. Please take this opportunity to hear Beth's story, and to visit virtually with other AAUW members.***

## February President's Message

Our Board has been hard at work on finding programs we can have by video conferencing during this Pandemic. Our February Program will be our Annual AAUW Funds with the Concord Branch. Our March program will be held on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a chance for everyone to get together by Video Conference. Details to follow as we get closer to the date. The topic is to discuss what we have been doing during this year of COVID19. Talk about what we have learned and hobbies we might have begun. For many, it is using technology to contact friends and family. The book group has been meeting by video conferencing. Contact the committee if you want to attend or just hear about a new book to read. Many can be uploaded to listen to. See the Book club information below.

Your Nominating Committee will be contacting members to serve on the Board for the upcoming 2021-2022 Season. Please accept a position if you are able. Serving on the Board is enjoyable. I have served on the Board in many positions over the years. By serving on the Board you will be mentored by those who served before. The Interbranch Council meets periodically with other branches in the Bay Area. It is a good way to see what other Branches have for their monthly programs. But the main thing is to keep the Branch thriving in order to maintain the goals of the American Society of University Women. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. Once this Pandemic is over, we can all meet in person.

If anyone has any news for our membership, please let Rosemary Harwood know so she can put the information in our Branch Newsletter.

Please go to [AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org) for additional information for current events for AAUW Action Alerts and the bills in Congress that AAUW takes a stand on. Our California website is [AAUW California](https://www.aauw.org/california). There are now Webinars available for the members.

We are being asked to vote on changes for our membership requirements. Please read the article under the **Board to Board** section of the AAUW CA website.

I look forward to being able to see everyone either in person or by Video Conferencing.

Dana McDaniel

## Another Reminder from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is still searching for volunteers/nominations for the positions of President and VP Programs. If interested, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee, Linda Pinder, Dana McDaniels, Jill Day, Luz Argyriou or JoAnn Caspar. Consider taking these jobs with one of your friends. Thank You.

### Afternoon Book Group Selections

## **The Book Group continues to meet via Zoom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2:30 pm**

- February 24<sup>th</sup> - *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- March 24<sup>th</sup> - *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

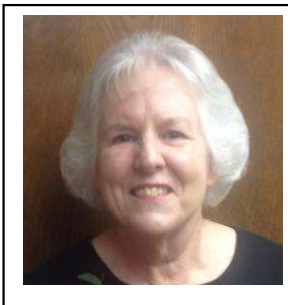
We moved *Caste* to March in the hopes that more of us could get a copy.

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**Ladies Bridge and Saturday Night Bridge have been cancelled during the Covid19 Crisis.**



Carol Wolfe and Joyce Atkinson are in charge of Saturday Night Bridge and Ladies Bridge.